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## SCREENS FOR APARTMENTS ARRIVE; INSTALLATION SOON

The Housing Department announced that screening to screen center windows against the swarms of summer insects have been received, and simultaneously appealed to those residents who already have personally purchased screens to wait for their 3.1. issue until the next shipment arrives.

## Butte Suffers Water Shortage

### HIGH SPOTS BADLY HIT

The critical water shortage in Butte was brought to sharp focus this week when blocks in the higher area of the community consistently started to run out from about 7 to 9 every evening.

Efforts to hurry construction of irrigation ditches were renewed in most blocks after a lull because of the current heat wave. Meanwhile pleas that residents refrain from using tap water to water lawns and gardens were voiced by many block managers.

The residents of blocks running out of water said, "We would not mind it so much except that we are used to taking a shower about that time to clean the sweat and the grime of a day's work."

## PHOTO STUDIO OPENS SUNDAY

Beginning this Sunday, May 2, the Cooperative Enterprise Photo Studio will be open to the public. The shop will be open only on Sundays and appointments will be made during the week at a designated place which will be made public in the next issue. Information on rates and various other items will be given at the shop Sunday.

Hours will be: Canal, 2 to 4 p.m., Butte, 10 to 12 a.m. Location in Canal is 16-10-C and in Butte the shop is 42-6-B.

The appeal was made on the basis that should such residents cooperate with Housing, there is sufficient material to cover all the unscreened windows. Otherwise, it was stated, the screens will have to be withheld until the complete order is received. It was not known when the next shipment will come in. Eventually, it was announced, screen doors will also be issued.

Window frames are being made by the Public Works section. When and if the approval of residents, who already have insect-proofed their room, is received, distribution of the frames and screens will commence, the Housing Dept. said.

## EVACUEES NOT BEING PAMPERED

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt disclosed at a press conference in Los Angeles that she had personally investigated charges that Japanese are being pampered in war relocation camps and said such charges are untrue, according to an AP report.

Mrs. Roosevelt said she based her claims on her observations at the Gila, Arizona center. She said, "They are not being pampered—I would not choose their situation as a way to live."

## Parolees Get Indefinite Leaves

Parolees are being given indefinite leaves, and not one application from a parolee has yet been turned down, said D. S. Myer, WRA director, to the press

## LABOR ACCEPTS

### PRIEST AIDS IN RELATION

A greater understanding of the problems confronting the nisei and a greater acceptance of them by the labor leaders in America has come about, said Father Lavery of Maryknoll to the press.

Father Lavery came to Gila yesterday and will be available at the Maryknoll center for consultation on relocation or internment problems until nine this evening to anyone.

Father Lavery has just returned from the East coast and Middle West after a series of conference with labor leaders to educate them to accept evacuees in their unions. He said, "Unions are coming things. Evacuees should associate themselves with unions."

## Sugar Beet Leave Clearance

Those wishing to leave for Colorado or Nebraska sugar beet farms with the next Great Western Sugar Co. shipment May 5 should sign offers of employment by Saturday noon, May 1 so that seasonal leave clearance may be arranged, said Jack Maynard, recruiter.

He also announced that baggage and bed rolls will be collected at the block managers office at 10 a.m. Monday and that workers will leave the center at 3 p.m. Wednesday. He indicated that many early planted beets will be ready for thinning on arrival.

during his recent visit to the center.

Myer dispelled rumors in the centers that parolees were frozen in the centers.